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SUBJ: GOG AND NATIONALIST CHINESE SIGN SUGAR PLANT ACCORD

1. GOG ANNOUNCED SIGNING NOVEMBER 8 OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACCORD BY MINISTER OF STATE (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) RAWIRI AND NATIONALIST CHINESE AMBASSADOR HUANG FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SUGAR REFINERY IN FRANCEVILLE.

2. ACCORFING TO GOG COMMUNIQUE REFINERY WHOSE CORNER STONE WAS LAID 8 MONTHS AGO BY PRESIDENT BONGO WILL BE TOTALLY FINANCED BY THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE FORM OF A ONE BILLION FIFTY MILLION CFA GRANT.

3. AT SIGNING CEREMONY AMBASSADOR HUANG NOTED THAT THE SUGAR REFINERY IS THE FIRST AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING PLANT IN GABON. MINISTER RAWIRI, ALLUDING TO PREVIOUS CHINESE ASSISTANCE IN RICE CULTURE, SALUTED TAIWAN'S CONTINUED INTEREST IN AMELIORATING GABON'S FOOD PRODUCTION PROBLEMS.

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4. COMMENT. DESPITE PRESIDENT BONGO'S RECENT DE FACTO

REGOGNITION OF CPR, SIGNING REFINERY AGREEMENT WITH
TAIWAN INDICATES HE IS, IN THIS AS IN OTHER CASES,
INTERESTED IN KEEPING OPEN BOTH OF TWO POSSIBLE
DIPLOMATIC OPTIONS, PARTICULARLY WHEN SIGNIFICANT
AID PACKAGES ARE INVOLVED.MCKESSON

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